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British Columbia Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries and World Disaster Areas

To: The Honourable Harvey W. Schroeder
Minister of Agriculture and Food

Sir:

I have the honour to present the report on the Government of British Columbia's Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries Program for the fiscal year 1982/83.

It can be seen from the table on the next page that assistance was provided to 22 organizations sponsoring 52 development projects or disaster operations during the year. The total amount now committed by the Government of British Columbia in the life of the program since 1969 is $7,265,251 in support of 711 projects. Short summaries of the projects supported in 1982 and a map of their locations are given in the body of the report.

In August, the Advisory Committee learned that the Government had decided to reduce the program's budget by $200,000 in line with the general policy on restraint, which included many other programs. Despite the setback, every effort was made to provide a fair contribution to projects warranting support, even if at a lower level than desirable from every point of view, least of all from those affected in the Third World.

The guidelines for the Advisory Committee have been included in the report as in past years for those readers unfamiliar with the program. Administration of the budget is kept as simple as possible. Upon satisfactory proof of eligibility, as described in the guidelines, a completed project submission form is accepted from a sponsoring organization. At its next meeting the Advisory Committee reviews the proposal on its merits and the total of the fund uncommitted for the year. If the project receives favourable review, a recommendation is made on the amount to be granted by the Government in its support. The procedure is both effective and efficient, and often complimented by the development agencies.

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Towards the end of this reporting period, Sig Peterson, Deputy Minister and Chairman of the Advisory Committee since August, 1973, retired from public service. His counsel and experience will be missed, but his dedication to the support of agriculture in the developing countries will long be remembered by those who remain on the committee, and, I feel sure, by the Non-Government Organizations of British Columbia.

G. A. MacEachern
Chairman, B. C. Agricultural
Aid Advisory Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED TO EACH ORGANIZATION
DURING PERIOD APRIL 1, 1982 TO MARCH 31, 1983,
AND THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED

Organization	Projects	Amount
Canadian Hunger Foundation	7	22,000
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	2	25,000
Canadian ORT	1	5,000
Canadian Red Cross Society	10	35,000
Canadian University Service Overseas	2	6,800
CARE Canada	1	10,000
Food for the Hungry	4	19,525
Inter-Action	1	5,000
International Association for the Transformation of Man	1	3,000
Inter Pares	1	5,000
Operation Eyesight Universal	3	20,000
Overseas Book Centre	3	7,000
OXFAM Canada	2	5,700
Plenty Relief Society of Canada	1	2,000
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund	1	6,000
Religious Society of Friends	1	2,000
Save the Children Fund	1	10,000
UNICEF	2	10,000
Unitarian Services Committee of Canada	2	20,000
World Concern	1	5,000
World Literacy of Canada	3	5,975
YMCA of Greater Vancouver	2	9,000
	52	$239,000

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF APPROVED PROJECTS

April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983

CANADIAN HUNGER FOUNDATION

Animal Husbandry, Sri Lanka..... $ 3,500

The objectives of this project are to build a demonstration animal husbandry unit where farmers can learn skills necessary to manage their own units, and to create a central revolving fund for farm families so that they can buy animals, materials and supplies at low rates of interest.

Artificial Insemination, Peru..... $ 5,000

The objective is to establish an artificial insemination service for the 1,750 cows owned by 400 dairy farmers in the Canete Valley. A small fee for the service will help pay operating costs.

Cattle Dips, Tanzania..... $ 2,500

The villagers, under guidance, will construct and operate three cattle dips with the objective of protecting 7,000 head from tick-borne diseases.

Poultry Production, Bolivia..... $ 4,000

This project is designed to benefit the inhabitants of three villages by enlarging their poultry unit. Two more hen houses will be constructed to accommodate 2,800 birds.

Pujehun Extension, Sierra Leone..... $ 1,200

A co-operatively managed farm is to be established to provide demonstration units and a source of revenue for an agricultural extension program for the people of 12 villages. Skills acquired from the program will then be applied on individual plots of land.

Swamp Rice Production, Sierra Leone..... $ 5,000

With guidance and teaching by extension officers from nearby Njala University, the villagers of Kanjallu will bring a swamp area into rice production.

Village Water Supplies, Sri Lanka..... $ 800

Water supply for the villages in the Batticoloa district on the East coast of Sri Lanka has traditionally been from shallow ponds, shared with animals and used to meet all household needs. Each of nine villages will take responsibility for construction and management of one well.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Rangpur Dinajpur Rehabilitation Service, Bangladesh..... $15,000

The service was started in 1971 and has been supported by British Columbia for the past six years. Eight million people in the two northern districts of Bangladesh can benefit from the program, whose agricultural objectives are to improve existing crops, introduce new ones and increase the effective use of arable land.

West Bengal Rehabilitation and Development Program, India..... $10,000

The program is now in its ninth year and continues to assist resettlement of some of the 200,000 street dwellers in Calcutta. The comprehensive health, educational and vocational training program includes food production and water resource projects.

CANADIAN ORT

Integrated Rural Development Program, Ethiopia..... $ 5,000

The program, which was designed to assist the 25,000 people living in Gondar Province, North-West of Addis Ababa, is now continuing without assistance from Canadian ORT. A grinding mill has been set up, school farms have been developed and a fund established from which loans are given farmers to enable them to buy oxen, fertilizers and seeds.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Floods, Bolivia..... $ 7,500

Continuous heavy rain during March, 1982 seriously disrupted the lives of 30,000 persons in the areas of Beni, Santa Cruz and Yacuma. Agricultural crops were devastated and an estimated 50,000 head of cattle were lost.

Cyclone, Cape Verde..... $ 2,000

Cyclone Teryl struck Cape Verde Islands on September 15 with winds up to 130 km/hr., causing death, injury and 425 families to become homeless. Tents and blankets were needed quickly.

Drought, Chad..... $ 3,000

Six hundred children and at least 10,000 adults needed immediate supplementary nutrition in June due to a worsening drought situation. Rice, milk, cereals and oil were airlifted to the area.

Floods, Honduras..... $ 2,000

Flooding, due to torrential rains which fell for a week during June in the South of Honduras, affected more than 6,000 persons and caused serious damage to roads and houses. Food, tents and clothing were in great demand.

Landslide, Liberia..... $ 3,000

On October 6, a landslide occurred in a mining town near Monrovia. Of the 500 inhabitants, 200 were killed. Food, cooking utensils, medical supplies and blankets were immediate requirements.

Cliff Collapse, Morocco..... $ 2,000

On the morning of March 13, 1982, a cliff face collapsed taking with it 80,000 tons of earth and destroying 400 homes in the Donar Kaf El Azba District of Fez. Tents, camp beds, blankets and clothing were urgently needed.

Floods, Nicaragua..... $ 3,000

The League of Red Cross Societies launched an appeal for the purchase of blankets, camp beds, boots and food for 35,000 people flooded out of their homes after four days of torrential rain in May. Huge losses to crops and of livestock were reported.

Cyclone, Tonga..... $ 7,500

Hurricane Isaac caused great loss to food supplies, livestock and houses for the 25,000 inhabitants on the Haapai and Vavau groups of islands in early March, 1982. Blankets and medicaments were in greatest demand.

Floods, Yemen..... $ 3,000

Extensive floods in March devastated the People's Democratic Republic making 50,000 people homeless and affecting 250,000 others. Tents and blankets were urgently needed.

Drought, Zimbabwe..... $ 2,000

Drought affected several countries in Southern Africa in October. A supplementary feeding program for 25,000 children in 500 schools was established by the Zimbabwe Red Cross.

CARE CANADA

Rural Potable Water, Ecuador..... $10,000

This project covers the installation of a potable water system in 15 villages, each of about 2,000 people. A significant contribution is being provided by volunteer labour to dig ditches, lay irrigation pipes and construct water tanks.

CANADIAN UNVERSITY SERVICE OVERSEAS

Bore Irrigation, Papua New Guinea..... $ 1,800

This project will generate income for the Bore community by providing 40 families with work during and after construction of an irrigation system. The new system will enable the group to produce vegetables year-round for their own nutritional benefit and for the Port Moresby market.

Locations of the Pro
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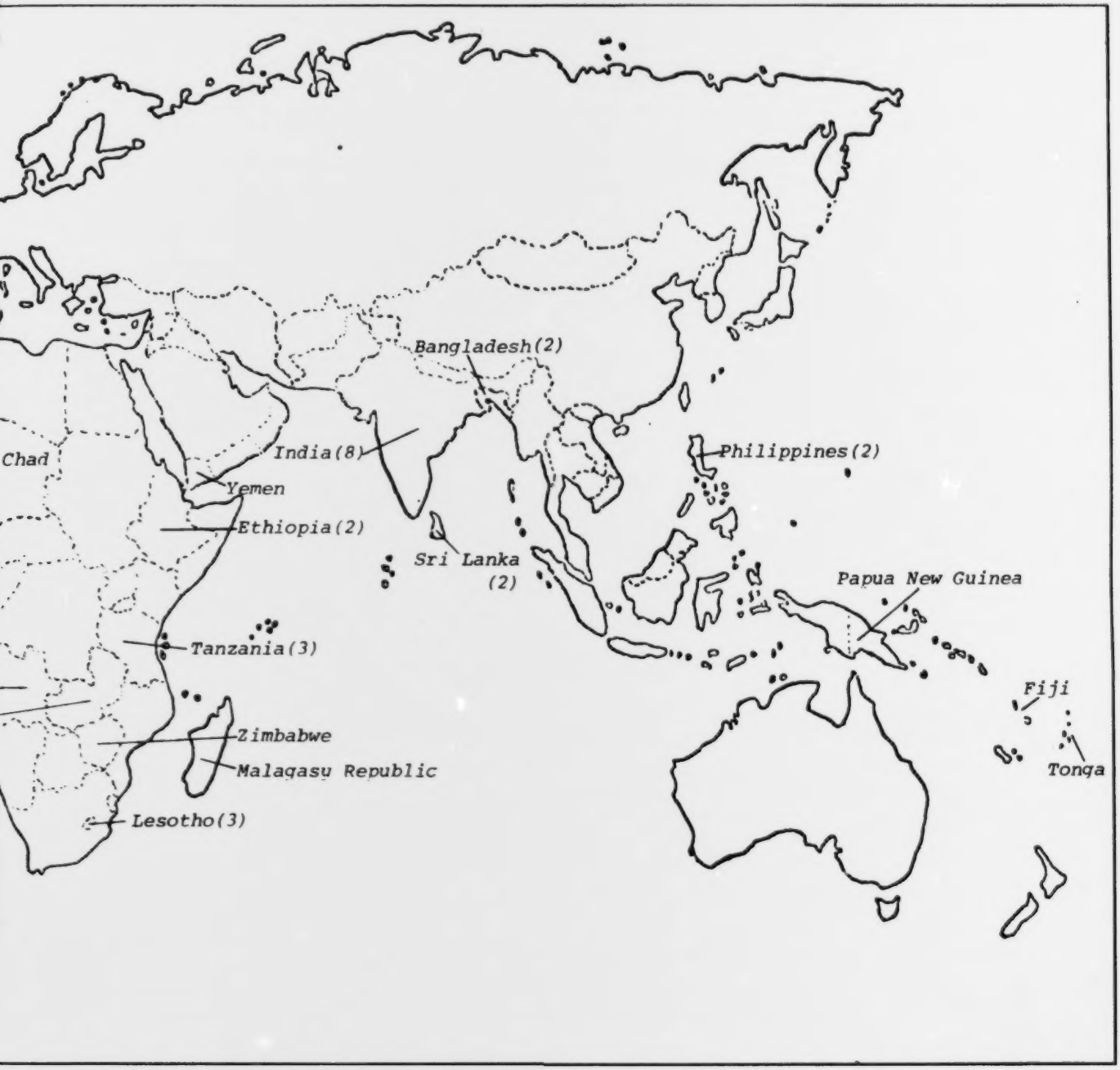

Chungu Development, Zambia..... $ 5,000

The objective is to help overcome obstacles to further development by the introduction of oxen for transportation and ploughing, and poultry, rabbits and rice for food. About 2,500 people in the Northern Province will benefit.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Water Resource Development, Angola..... $ 5,000

About 100,000 people will benefit from the provision of potable water supplies and irrigation equipment for villagers in the South-West of Angola. An improved water system is a necessity for patients being treated in Kalukembe Hospital.

Soil Conservation, Dominican Republic..... $ 5,000

The project organizers aim to reduce soil erosion by terracing large areas of agricultural land in the mountainous Southern region where 250 farmers live.

Social Forestry, India..... $ 4,525

Social forestry is the term used to describe planting trees close enough to a village to provide fuel and fodder. Participation by the community encourages awareness of the need to preserve an adequate supply that has been steadily diminishing over 30 years.

Ambohibary-Beleo Agriculture, Malagasy Republic..... $ 5,000

The objective of this project is to construct three wells and install solar pumps to irrigate rice fields on 70 ha., which will be to the benefit of 3,000 people on the island.

INTER-ACTION

World Food Day, 1982..... $ 5,000

The Provincial World Food Day Committee asked the seven member federation of agencies of Inter-Action to be responsible for co-ordinating the program for British Columbia in 1982. An ambitious and successful awareness program was undertaken, which involved children in over 350 schools, university students, and the public, with assistance from church groups and of other non-government agencies.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN

Kalinga Agro-forestry Development, Philippines..... $ 3,000

This pilot reforestation project will help start a reversal of the ecological damage being done to the area surrounding Tinglayan through denudation of the hillsides by its 1,500 inhabitants.

INTER PARES

Sarva Seva Farms, India..... $ 5,000

The many objectives of this comprehensive program for the rural poor include clearing, sowing and harvesting marginal land, and installing irrigation facilities. About 20,000 landless families will eventually be the beneficiaries.

OPERATION EYESIGHT UNIVERSAL

Eye Camps, Bangladesh..... $ 5,000

It is expected that about 50 eye camps would be established in Bangladesh in 1982 to treat 40,000 people and to allow about 500 operations to be performed. Those who are cured will be transformed from dependence on their fellow villagers to productive workers in the community, mostly on the land.

Eye Camps, India..... $ 7,500

Medical teams will visit village eye camps in a program similar to those being held in other countries. For India, the target figures are 75,000 patients and 15,000 eye operations. Rural, agriculturally oriented villagers who are curably blind are being restored to sight.

Jenkyns Village Project, India..... $ 7,500

About 55,000 farmers and their labourers live in 100 villages in a 15 km. circle surrounding Chakathal, where a clinic facility has been established. Medical teams are visiting the villages, to treat patients, organize programs in schools and arrange appointments at the central facility.

OVERSEAS BOOK CENTRE

Agricultural Booklets, Ecuador..... $ 3,000

Six books are to be published for the 1,500 families in an isolated mountainous region of Ecuador. The books deal with methods of specific crop cultivation in addition to community problems of clean water, access to credit and marketing.

Peasant Training, Peru..... $ 2,500

The agricultural training centre offers courses in Quechua, the language of the Incas, to students chosen by their own communities. After completion of the course, the peasants return to their community to put into practice what they have learned.

Young Farmers' Training, Upper Volta..... $ 1,500

The purpose of the project is to provide equipment and educational materials for three agricultural training centres. The books, written specifically for the rural African, deal with agriculture, construction methods, health and hygiene.

OXFAM CANADA

Farm Management, Chile..... $ 3,000

Three groups of farmers in the Linares area will be selected to attend a course on simple management systems aimed at ensuring self-sufficiency for them as a first step and, later, effective methods that can be applied on a larger scale for the 800 peasant families living nearby.

Agricultural Training, Grenada..... $ 2,700

The objectives are to provide both classroom and field training for 1,000 students at the schools in St. George's parish. An intensive program on 6 ha. can produce a better diet for the children themselves and additional revenue from the local marketplace.

PLENTY RELIEF SOCIETY OF CANADA

Integrated Rural Development Program, Lesotho..... $ 2,000

There are 11,000 Basotho living in the 116 villages located in the Plenty program area. This is Phase 3 of the program which includes a plan for the development of orchards, installation of solar powered pumps, improved sanitation facilities, in addition to continuing a range of extension programs in village skills.

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Cobaxanque Rural Development, Guinea Bissau..... $ 6,000

The agricultural aspects of this project aim to improve rice fields surrounding this village of 3,000 people through introduction of new varieties better suited to the climatic conditions, threshing and husking machines for more efficient production, as well as development of horticulture techniques.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Integrated Horticulture Project, Mexico..... $ 2,000

The objectives are to promote agricultural self-sufficiency at Tacambaro and at Vincente Guerrero by introducing new crop varieties, in particular Amaranth, and by improved drying and storage techniques. There are 400 families in the two villages.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Ziou Community Development, Upper Volta..... $10,000

There are 50,000 people in the Ziou region who will benefit from diversification of the agricultural base through introduction of plants and animals, and by development of new water supplies, water retention in reservoirs and distribution by irrigation systems.

UNICEF

Nutrition, Fiji..... $ 5,000

Activities include training health personnel for demonstrating child and maternal nutrition at the village level, and introducing home gardening to groups identified as being in short supply of food throughout Fiji.

Nutrition, Guyana..... $ 5,000

The 3,000 families in the area near Georgetown will have an opportunity to improve the quality and variety of their home-grown produce, and to improve its processing, storage and cooking.

UNITARIAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CANADA

Soil Conservation, Lesotho..... $10,000

The objective is to promote soil conservation at Masite village to preserve land for grazing and crop production. This program, that will employ the services of 500 people, includes construction of holding banks and water diversion channels, and tree planting.

Tools and Equipment, Lesotho..... $10,000

The eight villages in the project area will provide 250 people for training in horticulture techniques with a view to self-sufficiency in vegetables for their 3,800 inhabitants. Garden tools and fencing are required for the communal plots.

WORLD CONCERN

Agro-forestry Project, Haiti..... $ 5,000

The major objective is to try to reverse some of the ecological damage done through deforestation, which is causing serious soil erosion, flooding and a lowering of the watertable. About 300 farmers will receive advice and a quantity of seedlings selected for speed of growth.

WORLD LITERACY OF CANADA

Diesel Jeep, India..... $ 3,500

About 9,000 people benefit annually by participating in programs offered by Literacy House in Hyderabad through the 300 adult education centres established in the surrounding countryside. The jeep will allow the supervisory staff improved access to the centres, thus providing better co-ordination.

Village Continuing Education, India..... $ 1,500

Nearly 90% of the population of the state of Manipur live in rural communities where agriculture and handloom crafts are the main industries. This program is intended to increase literacy so that the people can read about farming, nutrition and general welfare.

Work and Education, India..... $ 975

The project is located in a densely populated area of West Bengal where the illiteracy rate is high among the largely agricultural population. The aim is to provide a basic education to improve the level of technical knowledge.

YMCA OF GREATER VANCOUVER

Development, Fiji..... $ 5,000

Projects covering goats, sugar cane, fish ponds and flower growing were started through the efforts of individual rural workers serving 120 villages. Succesful projects will be used as a basis for expansion into other villages.

Development, Philippines..... $ 4,000

This comprehensive development project had as its objectives the introduction of new agricultural methods, improvement of health and sanitary conditions in the barrios, and improvement of educational opportunities for about 1,500 people.

GUIDELINES

FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. WHO MAY APPLY FOR A B.C. AGRICULTURAL AID GRANT?

To be eligible to receive a grant, an organization must normally be:

a) Non-governmental and non-profit.

b) Clearly identifiable as Canadian, preferably with headquarters or offices in British Columbia.

c) In the case of religious organizations, a provincial or parent body.

d) Managed efficiently and provide evidence of competence to carry out the project or disaster relief.

e) Prepared to provide the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee with documentary evidence of its ability to meet its share of the financial and other obligations related to the project or disaster relief.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED

An organization, when applying for a grant for the first time, must provide:

a) Full legal name, address and telephone number.

b) Date of founding, incorporation (if applicable) and details of registration.

c) Copy of the charter of incorporation, constitution or similar document.

d) Names of members of the board, executive officer and principal staff.

e) Copy of the most recent audited financial statement and the annual report to the Registrar-General of Charitable Organizations or the Provincial Registrar (if the organization is registered under the Income Tax Act).

f) A copy of the annual report and the most recent informational material issued by the organization.

Each organization should ensure that this material is kept up to date by submitting annual reports and other relevant material to the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee.

A description of each project should be submitted on a Projects Submission Form, which can be obtained from the Executive Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z7.

3. TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may recommend a grant be made to the sponsoring organization to provide:

a) Direct support for a project with a significant agricultural component, e.g., well digging, land clearing, farm equipment.

b) Support for agriculturally related education, with emphasis on land and water development as well as technical and scientific agricultural subject matter.

c) Assistance following a disaster. In the case of a serious disaster the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee is usually aware of the situation and is prepared to recommend cash aid or other assistance immediately following submission by a non-government organization.

d) Discretionary aid in the form of matching grants. In these cases, submissions are accepted from organizations other than those involved basically in world aid, but to qualify for matching grants, funds must be raised by the private sector in British Columbia.

4. APPRAISAL OF PROJECTS

Apart from disaster relief, the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee carefully considers each project which should:

a) Contribute significantly to social and economic development by creating jobs, developing human resources, etc.
b) Foster self-reliance by encouraging local management and initiative.
c) Make the maximum use of local human and financial resources.
d) Assist the underprivileged.
e) Be on-going, with development continuing after the cessation of funds.

The objectives of the project should be clear and realistically attainable within the limits of the resources and time available. All details should be set out clearly to show the project is financially and economically sound and is well accepted by the country concerned.

Support of a project must not be assumed by an organization until it is informed, in writing, by the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee, that a grant has been approved.

5. GRANT LIMITATIONS

Grants may not be made to an organization that is in arrears with its reporting, or fails to meet its financial or other obligations, or has performed unsatisfactorily on previously-assisted projects.

B.C. Agricultural Aid grants may be made in one lump sum payment on initiation of the project, or paid in instalments based on the project's requirements and on receipt of satisfactory progress reports.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee will try to avoid excessive concentration on grants to one organization, country or economic sector.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may consult with agencies submitting several requests to establish priorities.

Grants for advanced training should be confined to the general area in which the applicant resides.

6. TIME SPAN OF SUPPORT

Support is normally for one year at a time. It may be possible, however, for the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee to indicate conditional support for longer periods, subject to satisfactory progress reports and approval of funds by the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION

An organization which receives a grant from the Government of British Columbia is responsible for competent administration of the grant, and providing progress reports and a final report on the project within the deadlines given.

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